THE WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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FINAL PTA MEETING THIS SCHOOL YEAR- - MAY 31st

8:00 P.M. IN AUDITORIUM

The last meeting of the PTA membership for this school year, Tuesday evening, May 31st, will be devoted to the important business of electing and installing officers for next year, and to hearing a panel presentation by five students of the work and activities of the Student Council. All parents are urged to be present for these two events.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES

President - Mr. John Gibson, 2330 S. Pearce St. (Ot. 4-7762)
President, Premium Distributing Co.; member of Arlington Ridge Road Civic Assn., son in 12th grade next year.
Mr. Langdon West, 4708 S. 8th St. (Ja 8-0019)
Lawyer and Admin. Asst. to Senator Hennings of Mo.;Parliamentarian & School Advisory Committee, Barcroft School; Son in 9th grade next year.

Vice-Pres.- Dr. Harry Kessler, 4127 S. 36th St.(Ki 8-3199)
Physician with Veterans' Admin.; daughter in 8th grade next year.
Mr. Donald Murtha, 4619 S. 34th St. (Te 6-8867)
Attorney; President, Fairlington Civic Assn. 2 yrs.; son in 8th grade next year, son in 10th grade next year.

Secretary - Mrs. Joseph Godwin, 4033 S. 19th St. (Ja8-3159)
Health Chairman, Peyton Randolph; son in 8th grade next yr.
Mrs. Sam Wood, 4031 S. 16th St., (Ja8-4668)
Secretary, Peyton Randolph PTA;daughter in 11th gr.next yr.

Treasurer - Mr. Paul L. Arnston, 3511 S. 8th St.(Ja 8-7475)
Civilian employee of Army; Parliamentarian & V.Pres. at T. Jefferson;Boy Scout Commetteeman;son in 12th gr. next yr.
Mr. C. O. Rayfield, 22 N. Granada St. (Ja 2-8239)
Food & Drug Admin.;Treasurer,Wakefield JRC;son in 9th gr. next year; daughter in 11th grade next year.

Parliamentarian - Mr. Harold Stone, 1051 S. 26th Rd. (Ot 4-8078)
Comptroller General's Office of Army; Legislative Chairman, Wakefield Executive Committee; Chairman,Arlington Com. on Charter Review; son in 10th grade next year.

Parliamentarian -Col. Frank Richards, 3435 S. Wakefield St. (Ov3-1866) Army; Principal of High School, Dickinson, N.D.; son in 12th grade next year.

Historian - Mrs. Alfred Letzler, 237 N. Galveston St. (Ja 2-5455) Ex-President, Barrett PTA; Chairman, Curriculum & Parent Educ. Com., Wakefield PTA; daughter in 10th gr. next year. Mrs. Donald Sanders, 4416 N. Henderson Rd. (Ja 8-4618) Vice-Pres. & Treas., Peyton Randolph PTA; Advisory Com. Peyton Randolph; Chairman, Citizens Committee for School Improvement; Delegate to School Board Nominating Convention; duaghter in 10th grade next year.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 28 - 10th Grade Party - Girls' Gym - 8:00 - 11:00 PM
" 30 - Baseball - George Mason - at Wakefield - 3:00 PM
" 31 - [illegible] - Suitland - " " - 3:30 PM
" 31 - PTA Meeting - Auditorium - 8:00 PM
June 1 - Varsity Banquet - Cafeteria - 7:00 PM
" 4 - Junior Prom - Girls' Gym - 9:00 - 12:00 P.M.
" 7 - "Y" Picnic
" 9 - Evaluation - Holiday for students
" 10 - Report Cards distributed
(Buses will wait to return students to their homes)

SUMMER SCHOOL AT WAKEFIELD

Wakefield High School announces a program of summer school courses for senior high school students, beginning June 13 and closing aug. 5th. The program is designed for two purposes; enrichment through courses not possible in addition to the regular winter schedule; and remedial work to strengthen weak spots in the student's curriculum. Since the time is too short in summer to offer students the full benefit of courses they would regularly take during the winter, they may not take for the first time such subjects as History, French, etc., but are offered typing, art home economics, and industrial arts which might otherwise be crowded out of theirschedule altogether. Classes will meet 4 hours in the morning, and two courses will be the maximum schedule. Classes are open to students in Senior high or going into senior high, except in typing which is open also to junior high students. There will be a staff of some 20 members from the winter faculty and classes will range in size from 15 to 30. Principal of the summer session at Wakefield will be Mr. Mort Irwin. The Library will be open to circulation of books during the morning. (This service will be available to Wakefield students whether in summer school or not.)

Parents are urged to consider this 8 weeks' program in planning the constructive and worthwhile use of their children's vacation period. It offers a fine opportunity, near at hand, to get in those extra subjects that can't be squeezed into the winter schedule and at the same time gives the student a feeling of accomplishing something worthwhile with his leisure time.

Bus service will be offered at 8:00 and 10:00 AM and at 12:00 noon. Fees for Arlington students are $8.00 for one course, $15 for 2 courses.

THANKS ARE IN ORDER

Mrs. Lincoln Landall, Chairman of the Membership Committee, wishes to express her appreciation to the members of her committee for their fine assistance all through this year.

Mrs. W. C. Ramey, Chairman of the Library Committee, extends her thanks to all the members of her committee who have devoted so much time and effort to assisting the Wakefield librarians. Mrs. Ramey also wants to notify Wakefield parents that the library is anxious to have copies of the following magazines: Fortune, Readers' Digest, National Geographic, and Life (particularly the first issue of each month of Life Magazine since February). The library is also in need of volunteer help during the summer months. If you have some free time you can devote to this worthy purpose, please notify the Wakefield library. They will be most appreciative of any assistance you can give them.

The PTA faculty party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by so many, was a great success and represented a tremendous amount of work on the part of many people. Mrs. Howard Oldham, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, expresses her deep appreciation to the members of her committee who participated in making this event possible and who have helped in other ways through the year. She would like to have the committee members turn in their badges at the May 31st PTA meeting so they may be used next year.

Mrs. Wm. B. Johnson offers sincere thanks to those who have generously cooperated in getting the PTA Bulletin out to Wakefield parents this year, especially to Mrs. Emory C. Pharr who has cut most of the stencils; to Mrs. Frothingham and Mrs. Davies in the office who have helped to get the mimeographing job done, loaned us staplers and office space for assembling it, and graciously put up with our inconvenience; and to Mrs. Wm. Kunz who has helped to marshal forces necessary to get the bulletin ready for mailing. Cooperation from all of these sources is indispensable to the publication of the bulletin and is deeply appreciated.

STARSTONE TO BE OUT SOON

The staff of the STARSTONE announces that the first Wakefield Year book will be available about the first of June. A great deal of work has been put into the publication of this book, and the staff earnestly hopes it will meet with the approval of the student body and their parents. The STARSTONE operates on a modest budget and it is only through the cooperation of Arlington's business men who advertise in it that the book is made possible. Let's examine the advertising in the STARSTONE and show our appreciation for their support of this fine publication by patronizing them whenever possible.

REAL ELECTIONS

Did you know that when the Wakefield students recently held their elections for class and student council offices they used not only regulation election procedures but real election booths loaned by county precincts that now have voting machines? This was an excellent experience in exercising the American right of casting a secret ballot.

LET THERE BE MUSIC -

And there IS music at Wakefield - excellent music - as many people in Arlington have already discovered. Wakefield can well take pride in its large instrumental and vocal groups which have given c county-wide performances under the expert direction of Mr. Gerald Lewis and Mrs. Thea Cooper)band and orchestra), Miss Donna Whittaker (girls' choruses), and Mr. Walter Fox (boys' choruses). Each of the groups has participated in many public performances, including the South County Junior High Festival, the All-County Senior High Festival(instrumental), the South Arlington Junior High Vocal Music Festival, the All-County Senior High Music Festival, and the Wakefield Spring Choral Concert (vocal). The two bands and two orchestras each can boast of about 40 members while a cadet group (intermediate players and beginning winds) has 63 . The Junior High Boys' Chorus has 100 members and the Barbersh 119. The Junior High Girls' Chorus has 157 members, and the Girls' Choral Club, 75 members. In addition, there is a mixed Choir of some 82 singers, plus the Madrigal Singers of 11 members. It is noteworthy that the accompaniments on the piano are expertly handled by students. Our hearty congratulations to Wakefield's fine Music Department and our sincere thanks for the pleasure they have given their many listeners.

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